

An adorable little fish, painted in the third grade by my grandson, Christopher, inspired CHRISTOPHER'S FISH CREATIVE DESIGNS.



The small, colorful picture was on display for several years in our family china cupboard.

I knew that some day our charming, little fish would become something special. That day finally arrived, summer school vacation (I'm a teacher), 2008. Christopher, by then age 16, and I redrew the fish into a larger version, giving it a little extra color and a set of very charming lips. From this amazing pattern a most delightful, colorful, punch needle rug took shape.

The rug was such fun, and I was struck by a wonderful idea! Perhaps others would also enjoy re-designing a special child's art piece into a treasured family heirloom! Friends and family members have joined in. My sister-in-law designed the quilt, my friends designed knit and cross-stitch motifs. I've made a fabric wall hanging, painted canvas to produce note cards and more. Some of the smaller items have been sold at school craft sales as fundraising items.

My desire is to include all who wish to participate. **Christopher's Fish Creative Coach opportunity** provides a way for those with artistic interests to share their talents. Creative Coaches conduct workshops in their neighborhoods and communities, helping others transform children's art into family treasures.

Most importantly, I am committed to sharing a large percentage of Christopher's Fish profits as a ministry to others, inspiring me to develop our **Christopher's Fish Hearts and Flowers Campaign**, loving and aiding elderly widows and children throughout the world.

As exciting, fun ideas were coming together for re-designing children's art into family heirlooms, I also began to realize that I wanted these ideas to benefit others in some way. Retirement years are just around the corner, and I want a sizable portion of my time to be spent in service to others. Almost immediately upon making this determination, my eyes were opened to many critical needs of both children and elderly widows throughout the world.

Within weeks I made a decision to launch Christopher's Fish Hearts and Flowers Campaign. These are my own designs, which will be made into patterns for quilt blocks and quilts, hooked rugs and other items to be sold expressly to raise funds for elderly woman in need.

A large portion of profits from all other aspects of Christopher's Fish is currently designated for both elderly women and children. These include sales of Christopher's Fish products; customs works which I personally design, and workshops that I conduct myself. Profits from custom works and workshops by others working with me in Christopher's Fish will be their own and not necessarily donated.

Let children's art inspire you. Be a part of Christopher's Fish! For more information about creating family treasures from your child's art through our workshops, products, and custom works, or to learn more about our Hearts and Flowers Campaign, e-mail ana-hf@christophersfish.com.